

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
AT BECKLEY

PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, : CRIMINAL ACTION  
: : NO. 1:09-CR-00270  
: vs. :  
: :  
: THOMAS CREIGHTON SHRADER, : August 17, 2010  
: :  
: Defendant. :  
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TESTIMONY OF DOLORES STANLEY

BEFORE THE HONORABLE IRENE C. BERGER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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1 lungs, bye-bye sternum and some ribs. With Rusty already  
2 shot, although at that time I did not know your mother or  
3 mom had gotten shot, you have to be honest right now at this  
4 time with the following fact which is the truth. There was  
5 nothing, absolutely nothing to keep me from shooting you  
6 right then and there that day as you ran down the road. Did  
7 you ever ask yourself why I didn't, or did you ever think to  
8 ask yourself that? The last shot was inside your house.  
9 The next shot was through Kowalski's back door.

10 "Baby, I just loved you so much to shoot you, even  
11 though it was you and your plan for getting Rusty there that  
12 day. That's why I ran after you. I just wanted to get you  
13 at that time and run away with you until we could think of  
14 what to do next. If God is love, it was the love in me for  
15 you that saved you.

16 "You did get Rusty down to your house that day and kept  
17 him there. Ingenious on your part in having him to wash  
18 your car that day to make sure he would be there on time  
19 after work.

20 "Were you aware that I had drove down to your house  
21 about 20 minutes earlier before you got home that day? I  
22 borrowed Pete Bowles's truck, one you didn't know or  
23 recognize, and drove down and by your house to see if you  
24 were home yet.

25 "Since nothing went like you wanted or planned that

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1 day, I did not know what to do. That is why I just kept my  
2 mouth shut and did not say anything to anyone. I was  
3 waiting to follow whatever lead that was made. I just stuck  
4 to the basic theme.

5 "On the day of the trial it was my full intention to  
6 stand trial. Then during the lunch break my attorney told  
7 me and my family that he was going to crucify you on the  
8 stand. He also told me that his examination and  
9 cross-examination in light of your mental condition, it  
10 would drive you over the edge, that if he made you lose it  
11 under pressure, you could lose your mind and might never be  
12 the same again. It also led me to be concerned that if you  
13 cracked up, I was fearful that you'd implicate yourself.

14 "Even though it meant my freedom, I could not sacrifice  
15 you or do that to you, sweetheart. I wanted you to be able  
16 to remember everything. I also wanted you to stay Dolores.  
17 I did not want you to become some spaced out zombie. I just  
18 loved you too much. Goddamn it, Dolores, you were my world,  
19 my whole GD world and life. I would have done anything to  
20 have kept you and not lose you, anything you wanted.

21 "I was so in love with you that instead of thinking of  
22 you on January 20th, I should have thought of myself instead  
23 of you. Why? Because what good has it done me always  
24 putting you first in my life? Even though you were the  
25 catalyst for everything that you made happen and for all of